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NOTICE AND CALL OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE **TRINIDAD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Trinidad Trails Advisory Committee will meet on
TUESDAY, February 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 this meeting will be held via videoconference, and will be hosted on the **Zoom** Platform. Learn more about Zoom here: <https://zoom.us/>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment may be submitted via email in advance of the meeting, or accepted in an orderly process during the conference. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to provide a written statement, please deliver your comment to 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad CA, by 2:00pm, Monday, July 19, 2021. Email comments to **cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov**. Comments will be accepted during the meeting, and included in the public record.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The meeting link and participant code is located on the calendar page of the City Website: <https://trinidad.ca.gov/calendar> Click on the appropriate date to access all the information.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81356112708?pwd=cjd1Z2x1OG5UT0l3NmgybXZ1K2orUT09>

Password: 364551

To phone in, dial 866-434-5269 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 915646

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04-20-2021, 07-20-2021

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

IV. STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Update regarding Trinidad Head Trail Interpretive Sign: The Trinidad Head Trail Interpretive Sign was discussed at the September 20, 2021 meeting at the Trinidad Rancheria. It will be discussed at the February 8th City Council meeting. This will be an update.
2. Repair of the foot of Axel Lindgren Trail & Steps to the Head: The Axel Lindgren Trail and Steps to the Trinidad Head have been discussed at most of the meetings of the committee. The Trails Committee would like to make a recommendation to the City Council for repair of the foot of the trail. The steps to Trinidad Head need repair and it would be best to have an agreement prepared after the April Trails Committee meeting so it can be presented to the City Council at their May meeting. If we can

come up with some guidelines or suggestions, we can try to meet with all parties involved before the April meeting.

3. Signage plan: The Committee seems to be close to a final decision about signage. Consistency seems to be an important issue.
4. 4x4 posts for trail markings: There are many 4x4 posts ready to be used as trail markers. Most, if not all, are unmarked. This may be a good starting point for marking some trails before summer. There are samples that have been considered, but final decisions need to be considered to bring to the City Council.

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 VIA ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 pm)

Committee Members Present: Davies, Kenny, Hakenen, Lindgren, Vander Meer, Needham, Mathewson, Lindgren

Alternate Committee Members Present: West

Committee/Alternate Members Absent: Clayburn, Myers, Laos

City Staff: Zetter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 20, 2021

Motion (Kenny/Davies) to approve the October 20, 2020 minutes as submitted. Passed (2-0). Only two standing members from the past Committee.

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

IV. STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member Davies stated that the City Council agreed to begin the process of repairing the toe of the Axel Lindgren Trail, along with the steps on Trinidad Head. In response to Davies' Council report, Committee member Lindgren questioned if there was action taken at the toe of the Axel Lindgren Trail. Davies advised that the City only gave direction to move forward, but no action has been taken until there is an approved plan. Lindgren stated that the Tsurai Ancestral Society hasn't received plans from staff, and it wasn't on the Council's agenda, so TAS didn't have a chance to weigh in. Davies explained that the City Council accepted the Trails Committee's recommendations, thus giving direction to move forward. City Manager Naffah clarified for Lindgren that the Trails Committee's report was given at a City Council meeting, and they felt that the recommendations were good, thus giving direction to move forward with pursuing it.

Lindgren responded stating it was not being properly posted, and it appears the Committee is making recommendations and then directing staff. Committee member Kenny stated that is not her understanding of the function of the Committee. Davies explained that the Committee presents their recommendations to the City Council, and in this case the Council accepted. He also went on to state again for clarity, that there is currently no action to repair it, but when it becomes viable and a plan is developed, it will be discussed at the Council level. Kenny added that the Committee makes recommendations and the City Council directs staff, and in this case it is only maintenance that the Committee is talking about - not new construction.

Lindgren stated the Committee is missing the point. Davies requested clarification as to what the issue is. Lindgren explained that nothing was sent to the Tsurai Management Team, and requested they be consulted. Kenny advised that there aren't plans at this point, but when there are the City will get input from TAS. Committee member Vander Meer stated she agrees with Lindgren, further adding that they need to be consulted early on in planning.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None.

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VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion/Recommendation: Uniform Trailhead Signage.

Committee Discussion

Council member Davies stated that uniform trailhead signage was mentioned in the annual report. He explained that currently there are multiple styles of trailhead signage in use throughout the Trinidad Trail system. Thus, the Committee may want to forward a recommendation singling out one type of sign to designate trailheads within the system.

Committee member Vander Meer opined that it is okay for the City to consider its own unique look. Thus, well worth looking into working with a graphic designer. She stated she, personally, is not wild about the State Park signs, but it would tie the trail system together. She reminded the Committee that the TAS should be consulted. Committee member Kenny stated that the State Park signs are a tad overwhelming, so she'd like things to be simpler – stating she likes trail posts rather than large flat signs. Committee member Needham stated his only concern is that the signs be uniform and simple. He added that he isn't opposed to having a "No" sign. Planning Commissioner Hakenen stated signage was a topic that was discussed at the Planning Commission level. He advised that he agrees with Vander Meer, as he is a fan of signage that is unique to the town, but still gets the point across, so it would be worthwhile having a discussion with a graphic designer. He added that it appears that there are a lot of stakeholders involved. He also questioned if the signs could be color coded. Committee member Mathewson stated that the signs should be kept simple and uniform.

A discussion occurred regarding reviewing the Tsurai Management Plan's section on signage, as well as consulting the Tsurai Management Team regarding any potential recommendations.

Public Comment

Written Comment received from J. Beaupre (*Trinidad*) prior to meeting: He discussed how post signage has less surface area to be vandalized and is less expensive to install and replace when vandalized. Additionally, he stated that he would like to see "No Parking" signs along Parker Creek Drive and the adjacent field behind Murphy's Market. He noted the increase in usage of the Parker Creek Trail. He also stated in the chat, during the meeting, that signs should be simple and uniform, and the addition of a QR code may prove to be beneficial.

Committee member Discussion

City Council member Davies noted the topic of signage can be overwhelming, but noted that it seems very simple to identify trailheads, while interpretative signage can be located elsewhere. There was a general consensus that trail heads need to be identified for the public, along with consolidating the information at a central location. The Committee agreed that signage needs to be friendly for the residents and visitors alike. Committee member Vander Meer mentioned that the CCMN has discussed signage and a comprehensive outline of areas that need signage were composed. She suggested that this be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee agreed that this should be reviewed, and some signs require replacement sooner than later.

Committee member Needham stated that a subcommittee may need to be created to work on signage. Committee member Mathewson questioned if there is a budget for signage, and how many signs are needed. Davies confirmed that there is a budget of \$10k/year, and stated that he isn't

aware of an inventory of what signs need to be replaced. Planning Commissioner Hakenen stated that he isn't ready to make a decision, but agreed that an inventory of signs that need to be replaced needs to be taken. Hakenen, Mathewson, and Needham all agreed that a subcommittee might be beneficial, as there appears to be overlapping regulations, entities, stakeholders, etc. Committee member Lindgren stated she isn't sure about forming a subcommittee, but instead would prefer the Committee only meet with the Tsurai Management Team. She noted that the Committee needs to protect Tsurai land.

A discussion amongst the Committee occurred regarding replacing posts that need to be replaced in the interim, along with conducting an inventory of trail signs in town. City Council member West confirmed that the City has a number of replacement posts. Lindgren noted that there are posts currently in the study area, so she is hesitant to replace signs that the TMT and Committee hasn't had a chance to review.

The Committee agreed to have a combination of staff and committee members take an inventory of the existing signs. Committee members Hakenen, Needham, and Council member Davies volunteered to take the inventory.

2. Discussion/Recommendation: Removing Street Style Barricades From Trailheads.

Committee Discussion

City Council member Davies discussed the addition of the street style barricades on Trailheads, due to COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that the County is currently in the Orange Tier, so he proposed the option of removing the barricades. He also noted that the barricades have been thrown over the cliffs, moved, and vandalized.

No other comments from Committee members.

Public Comment

None

Committee Discussion

Committee members Vander Meer, Kenny, Hakenen, Mathewson, and Council member Davies were in favor of removing the barricades. Committee member Needham advised he currently didn't have an opinion on the matter. Committee member Lindgren stated their removal may be too soon, as people are traveling, but ultimately it doesn't matter to her.

City Manager Naffah advised that Lindgren makes a good point, as a lot of people are traveling. Thus, it may be beneficial for the City to continue to have minimal signage visible with information regarding distancing/masking protocols. He noted the signs could be removed by June or July 2021. The Committee agreed that removing the signs, but providing minimal signage for public outreach which has information regarding proper behavior, is adequate. Davies stated he will advise the City Council.

3. Discussion/Action: Content of Trinidad Head Trail Wayside Sign that the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Has Agreed to Help Replace.

Committee Discussion

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Council member Davies stated that the Trinidad Head Trail Wayside Sign has been vandalized and weathered, so the TCLT has agreed to help replace it.

Committee member Vander Meer advised that the TCLT received funding to replace the sign. She provided the draft content of what would be presented on the sign, and noted that she reached out to the TAS, Yurok, and the Rancheria with the original draft, and after which there were recommendations to include cultural history, along with information on the national monument and wildlife. Vander Meer also opined that using the City of Trinidad logo should be avoided, and instead reference that the City manages the trail.

Public Comment

None

Committee Discussion

Davies stated he wants the sign to be replaced relatively soon, so he proposed that with the direction of the City Council that the Committee agrees to replace the sign. Therefore, when the final design is complete the design will be taken straight to the Council for a funding discussion. Vander Meer stated she shared the draft with the BLM interpretive sign representative, who was thrilled about it. A brief discussion regarding funding options occurred. Committee members requested a copy of the draft to share with appropriate parties.

A discussion occurred regarding the process to move the replacement of the sign forward. City Manager Naffah stated it should be agendaized in order to view the finished product by both the Committee and City Council. Davies noted the City will move forward with the final product selected at a future Council meeting.

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

- Introductory meeting with the TMT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm. Next meeting will be on July 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Angela Zetter
Administrative Assistant

Tom Davies
Council Member

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021 VIA ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 pm)

Committee Members Present: Davies, Kenny, Hakenen, Lindgren, Vander Meer, Needham, Lindgren, Mathewson
Alternate Committee Members Present: West, Laos
Committee/Alternate Members Absent: Clayburn, Myers
City Staff: Naffah, Zetter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion (Davies/Lindgren) to remove Agenda Item #3 from the agenda and have it discussed at the City Council level. Passed (8-0)

April 20, 2021

Motion (Neednam/Davies) to approve the April 20, 2021 minutes as submitted with proposed amendments. No vote – will vote at next quarterly meeting, upon review of minutes.

- Removed mistyped 'Lindgren' in Roll Call Section
- Change 'Committee member Lindgren' to 'Council member Lindgren'
- Item #1: Change sentences – "Committee member Lindgren stated she isn't sure about forming a subcommittee, but instead would prefer the Committee only meet with the Tsurai Management Team. She noted that the Committee needs to protect Tsurai land." to "Lindgren stated she doesn't want to form a subcommittee, but instead the Committee as a whole should be meeting with the Tsurai Management Team, as the Tsurai village needs to be protected."
- Item #3 – Update discussion to reflect that the entire committee was in favor of the new Trinidad Head Trail Wayside Sign.

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

IV. STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS

City Council member Davies advised that the City will be rolling over the unused trail funds to the next fiscal year's trails budget. Additionally, Davies advised that the Van Wycke Trail appeal is at the California Coastal Commission level.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion: Uniform Trailhead Signage: Directional, Protective, etc.

Committee Discussion

Committee members - Public Representative Needham, Planning Commissioner Hakenen, and City Council member Davies briefly shared their observations from their walkabout. The purpose of the walkabout was to get an overview of the state of Trinidad's trail signage. They advised that they observed the need to replace nearly all 4x4 trail signs, while also noting that while color coding on a map had been previously discussed by the Committee, it would be unrealistic due to the number of trails. Thus, they propose the name of the trails be written on the signs at the trailhead.

Davies stated he would like to see 4x4 posts completed and installed by the end of the year. Committee member Vander Meer agreed to send out sign inventory to the Committee. Hakenen stated the idea is to abbreviate names on the post, due to size and simplicity. Committee member Kenny stated that she was in favor of simplicity, further adding that if additional information could fit on a tile size on the post, such as dogs on leash, no fireworks, etc., it would be ideal to add. Committee member Mathewson noted there is a sign template for the harbor property. Committee member Lindgren stated the Tsurai Management Team is currently working on a signage plan, so they would like to see the signage be uniform.

Public Comment

S. Laos (*Trinidad Rancheria*) stated that multiple committees have discussed uniform signage from 2019 - 2020, so the Trails Committee should review past minutes. Additionally, previously there were other City Council members on the Gateway Committee, who were in agreement that there should be uniform signage as much as possible.

S. Lindgren (*Tsurai Ancestral Society*) stated she agreed with Laos, adding it will avoid redundancy. She noted she echoed Committee member K. Lindgren's sentiments.

J. Hoestler (*Trinidad Rancheria*) stated that it's imperative everyone works together, thus using the Rancheria's plan, TMP, and City plans would benefit everyone. It is a timely conversation, as the Rancheria is working on their own signs for their property. She added that she appreciates everyone's' comments.

Committee Discussion

A discussion ensued regarding the need to pursue maintenance of the City trails, and put trail signage design on hold. It was understood that a scope of work will need to be developed along with acquiring professional development, which takes time, so maintenance/replacement of stolen or dilapidated 4x4 posts is first priority. It was agreed signage will need to be discussed more at length, as more work will need to go into developing a comprehensive signage plan. Davies stated he will discuss this at the Council level, advising what the Committee has discussed.

No motion made.

2. Discussion: City Consultation with Tsurai Management Team regarding best approaches to trail maintenance/repair in the Tsurai Management Area.

Committee Discussion

Committee member Davies stated that he is hopeful to obtain support from the Trails Committee to make a recommendation that at the next TMT meeting they discuss the best way to repair the toe of the Axel Lindgren Trail.

Public Comment

None

Committee Discussion

A proposed motion was made to recommend that the TMT discuss the manor in which the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail should be repaired, specifically repairing the toe of the trail, steps, adding a handrail, and general maintenance to the trail. No vote was taken, as some felt more comfortable discussing the matter when all stakeholders were present. However, it was clarified by City Manager Naffah, to the Committee, that when culturally specific issues are discussed it is done in closed session. However, at the next TMT's meeting, City Council members will be present.

3. Discussion: Interpretative Trail Sign to Replace Aging Sign Currently in Place. *Removed from agenda by Committee vote.*

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

- Continued discussion regarding signage
- Committee recognize Administrative Assistant Zetter at the City Council level

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. Next meeting will be on at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Angela Zetter
Administrative Assistant

Tom Davies
Council Member